



April 26, 2004

Dear Nominator:

The National Medal of Technology, the Nation's highest honor for technological achievement, is presented annually by the President of the United States. This program was first established by an Act of Congress, and the Department of Commerce is proud to be entrusted with its management. It is my pleasure to open the call for nominations of the 2005 medal laureates.

The National Medal of Technology recognizes American innovators who have made lasting contributions to advancing our global competitiveness, economic prosperity, and quality of life. These pioneers in the amazing world of science and technology are American heroes.

They are explorers and risk-takers who have expanded the boundaries of science and technology for the benefit of humankind. Their groundbreaking contributions help bring useful technologies to market, create jobs, increase U.S. productivity, and stimulate the Nation's economic development.

The Medal is given annually to individuals, teams, and/or companies/divisions for their outstanding contributions to our Nation's economy, and highlights the importance of fostering basic research and technological innovation. Past National Medal of Technology laureates continue to serve as role models for America's students by showing what they can achieve if they study science and math and apply what they learn.

The deadline for submitting 2005 nominations will be July 28, 2004. Nominations will be reviewed by the National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee, a panel of accomplished experts from the science and technology communities whose recommendations will be forwarded to me. My recommendations will then be sent to the President for the final decision on the Laureates for the 2005 National Medal of Technology.

President Bush and I extend our deep appreciation to you for taking the time to send nominations for the 2005 National Medal of Technology. We value and appreciate your assistance in encouraging others to identify high-quality candidates for the award and for all that you do to advance the cause of science and technology. Your efforts are fundamental to our ability to find and honor America's great achievers and to inspire the next generation of innovators.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald L. Evans", is written over a horizontal line.
Donald L. Evans